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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q80819

Shinji KATAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/811,947

Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 3106

Examiner: Harry D. Wilkins, III

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: ELECTRODE FOR ELECTROLYSIS AND ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANE  
ELECTROLYTIC CELL

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated January 9, 2007.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1 and 2 for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In the Election of Species Requirement, the Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species, particularly with respect to the electrodes, as follows:

- a) metal coil,
- b) elastic cushion, and
- c) metal cotton.

The Examiner requires the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner has indicated that claim 7 is considered to be generic.

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In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects a) metal coil as the species, and all claims appear to read on the metal coil species.

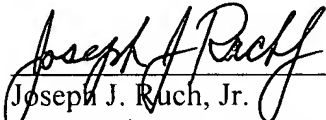
Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3 - 9.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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